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Project Purpose - Transportation Benefit

The project will close a gap in the four-lane freeway/expressway between Route 43 in Hanford and Route 99 near Visalia. The project will provide route continuity, increased capacity and improved safety.

Project Description:

The project proposes to widen the two-lane conventional highway to a four-lane expressway on Route 198 from east of Route 43 near Hanford to west of Route 99 near Visalia.

Project Cost/Funding Sources:

The project will begin construction within the next five years and is estimated to cost a total of \$55.3 million. The regional transportation planning agencies in both Kings and Tulare Counties and the State have already funded \$17.5 million for environmental review, design and right of way phases. The project will be funded with \$14.0 million in the Governor's Transportation Congestion Relief Program (TCRP).

Begin Construction:

Anticipated date Summer of 2005

Project Map on Reverse

State Route 198

Hanford Expressway

